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FOR GUTMAN FROM U/CF.

1. For contingency planning purposes, request you query Amman ICRC and obtain insofar as possible current extent and breakdown of ICRC medical stockpile Cotonou and Santa Isabel. Also solicit from ICRC ~~xx~~ their judgment re priorities in short range medical, medical supply, and equipment needs for Biafra.
2. Also query JCA (possibly Chenard) along similar lines and suggest he might wish cable Galano in Sao Tome for fullest report all medical supplies available Sao Tome.
3. For your own info, but not to be divulged, purpose of inquiry is planning for possible "one shot" LSM operation outlined Lagos 5018.

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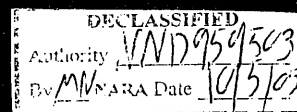
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9677
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
USMISSION GENEVA

S E C R E T ADDIS ABABA 2409

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REF: DEPTTEL 086381

1. SWISS AMBASSADOR BERNOULLI HAS CONSULTED US ON INSTRUCTIONS HE HAS RECEIVED FROM BERN TO RAISE WITH HIM CALL FOR MEETING FMG AND BIAFRANS IN ADDIS OR LAGOS. THIS RESULT OF LINDT INITIATIVE. WE OUTLINED STATE OF PLAY FERGUSON EFFORT BRING TWO SIDES TOGETHER AND ASKED HIM DEFER APPROACH HIM. AMBASSADOR HAS AGREED TO DO THIS, BUT HAS REQUESTED WE KEEP HIM INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS.

2. ASSUME LINDT INFORMED ON CHANGE IN APPROACH. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION WHEN AND IF APPROACH IN GENERAL TERMS TO HIM BY EMBASSY DESIRED.

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AMEMBASSY LAGOS

S E C R E T GENEVA 1788

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FOR U/CF FROM GUTMAN

SUBJECT: NIGERIA

REF: GENEVA 1711

IN CONVERSATION YESTERDAY AMB. LINDT RELATED "VERY CONFIDENTIALLY"
INFO REFTEL BUT DID NOT REPEAT NOT IDENTIFY SOURCE. HE ADDED
THAT SCHEME MAY HAVE BEEN CONCOCTED BY NIGERIAN SECRET SERVICES
WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE CABINET.
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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2158
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
INFO USMISSION GENEVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 607

FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM - DEWEY TRAVEL:

DAWSON TOOK FIRST WAVE OUT OF SAO TOME BEFORE MARTINAIR
FLIGHT. ETD 20 HOURS FOR FRANKFURT. DEWEY PLANS
IMMEDIATE FLIGHT TO HAGUE FROM FRANKFURT. KNOX

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2161
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY GENEVA

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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJ: RSM - ICRC C-97 SPARE PARTS

1. TWO EACH OF ITEMS DESIGNATED BY ANDERSON CHIEF FLIGHT
ENGINEER AS MOST NEEDED ELECTRONIC GEAR FOR CONTINUATION
OF PROGRAM.

DESCRIPTION	PART NO.
RADAR ANTENNA	AS 428/APS 42
RADAR RX TX	RT 275/APS 42
RADAR SYNCHRONIZER	SN 59A/APS 42
ADF RX	R 101/ARN - 6
VHF COM RX	51 X 2B
VHF COM TX	17L - 7A
VOR RX	R541/ARN - 14 AND R540/ARN - 14

2. THESE ITEMS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY FOR NAVIGATIONAL AND
WEATHER AIDS.

3. LONGER LIST OF HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS WILL BE POUCHED
WITH EXCERPTS SENT TELEGRAPHICALLY. THIS LIST NOW IN
PREPARATION BUT AWAITING ARRIVAL C-97 FROM TEL AVIV ETA
0030 HOURS JUNE 6. SHIPMENT OF PARTS ARRIVED TODAY BUT

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2160
AMEMBASSY LAGOS:

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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

SUBJECT: RSM

REF: COTONOU 453, STATE 86183

1. DAWSON SUGGESTED TO CHURCH GROUPS, AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT GOVERNOR WILLING PAY FOR FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, THAT U/CF WOULD TRY TO EXPEDITE ORDER IF MADE IN US. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION DAWSON SHOWN LETTER IN WHICH REQUEST FOR ORDER OF VW OR FORD TRUCK WITH FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT WAS MADE. ON BASIS THIS SUBJECT WAS DROPPED.

2. SINCE MOLLERUP NOT AT SAO TOME AT TIME THIS DISCUSSION, APPEARS THAT OFFER OF ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITE ORDER MAGNIFIED IN TRANSMISSION TO HIM.

3. BACKGROUND OF DISCUSSION WAS TWO ENGINE FIRES AT AIRPORT AND EXPLOSION AND FIRE OF RESERVE FUEL DUMP APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF MILE FROM AIRPORT. KNOX

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2159
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
USMISSION GENEVA
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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FOR FERGUSON FROM DAWSON

REF: COTONOU 453 — POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

1. NIGHT OF 2 JUNE TRANSVIA DC-6 HIT ON RUNWAY ULI BY SHRAPNEL OF CANNON FIRE OR ROCKETS FROM HIGH PERFORMANCE JET AIRCRAFT. IN EITHER CASE THE LANDING AIRCRAFT WAS OBVIOUSLY TARGET.

2. STAYED ULI ONE FULL DAY WHILE REPAIRS MADE AND FLEW SAO TOME NIGHT OF 3 JUNE. DEWEY AND DAWSON EXAMINED DAMAGE 4 JUNE WHICH CONSISTED OF HOLED FUEL CELL, HYDRAULIC LINE BREAK AND TWO PUNCTURED TIRES ALONG WITH MANY HOLES IN UNDER SIDE OF WINGS AND FUSILAGE.

3. NEW PATTERN FOR JET AIRCRAFT OVER ULI BEST DESCRIBED AS "TROLLING". AIRCRAFT OVERFLY SWEMLY, MAKE A WIDE TURN AND OVERFLY AGAIN, HOPING TO CATCH AIRCRAFT IN APPROACH WITH LIGHTS ON. BIG CHANGE AT ULI IS MUCH STRICTER LIGHT CONTROL. DURING TROLLING NIGHT OF JUNE 4 DAWSON COULD NOT SEE ANY LIGHT AT ULI BUT HEARD PLANES BEING RETURNED TO HOLDING. JET AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY COMING IN WAVES WITH ABOUT ONE-HALF HOUR OR MORE BETWEEN WAVES.

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RM BIAFRAN PRESS RELEASES ARE SAYING THAT FMG HAS CABERRAS NOW.

5. DEWEY HAS DETAILS OF SURVEY SAO TOME. GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT MUCH OF THE OVERALL OPERATION RUNNING AS WELL OR BETTER THAN LAST SURVEY WITH CERTAIN SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS WHICH WERE REPORTED COTONOU 453 AND WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE DETERIORATED SINCE. KNOX

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FM AMEMBASSY OSLO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2568

C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 2184

SUBJECT: DRAFT NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

REF: OSLO 2084

ARNESSEN, FONOFF UN AFFAIRS CHIEF, INQUIRED OF EMBOFF TODAY
WHETHER DEPT'S COMMENTS REQUESTED REFTEL YET RECEIVED. HE
NOTED CANADIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY SHARP ARRIVING JUNE 8.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1527

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SUBJECT: NIGERIA - FLETCHER PARTY VISAS.

REF: A) STATE 090175; B) STATE 089872

ICRC/GENEVA INSTRUCTING ITS LAGOS DEL EXPEDITE VISAS FLETCHER.
CORNELY PARTIES. HAVE STRESSED FLETCHER'S CONTRACTURAL RELATION-
SHIP IS WITH ICRC NOT USG. A FACT WHICH TENDS BE FORGOTTEN HERE.
PLEASE INFORM FLETCHER CONTACT GERBER ICRC WHO DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE
TRANSPORTATION SECTOR. SCHAEGLER/LINDT WILL BE IN ACCRA JUNE 11.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1530
INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY ROME
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 1780

STATE FOR U/CF

HAGUE FOR FERGUSON

SUBJ: NIGERIA-ITALIAN OILMEN

1. UNDERSTAND ICRC PRES NAVILLE AND STAFF MET YESTERDAY WITH
"BIAFRAN RED CROSS PRESIDENT" ILO (PHONETIC) ONSUBJECT.

2. AS TOLD US ILO STATED GOI AND FRG COULD HAVE THEIR MEN BACK
IN MATTER MINUTES IF REQUESTS ADDRESSED DIRECTLY TO GOVERNMENT
OF BIAFRA BY ROME AND BONN IN CUSTOMARY FROM DIPLOMATIC NOTE.
BIAFRA WILL NOT REPEAT NOT DEAL THIS MATTER THROUGH THIRD PARTY
CHANNELS SUCH AS ICRC, VATICAN, OR "FRIENDLY" GOVERNMENTS (GABON,
IVORY COAST, ETC.) WHO HAVE RECOGNIZED BIAFRA.

3. ICRC HAS PASSED THIS INFO ON TO ITALIAN MISSION GENEVA.
PIACITELLI (FIRST SECY) COMMENTED THAT CABINET DEEPLY SPLIT ON
ISSUE IN VIEW LIKELY FMG REACTION.

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INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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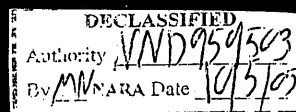
DURING MEETING WITH ICRC "BIAFRA RED CROSS PRESIDENT" ILO ALSO REQUESTED TRUCKS, VARIOUS OTHER COMMODITIES AND PROTESTED THAT ICRC'S LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN BIAFRA WERE PAID ENTIRELY IN KIND (MOSTLY STOCKFISH) WHILE THE OTHER LOCAL EMPLOYEES (TOTAL OF 1,073 ACCORDING ICRC GENEVA RECORDS) CONNECTED RELIEF OPERATION ARE ON A CASH PAYROLL

UNDERSTAND ICRC AGREED EXAMINE MATTER AND WILL PROBABLY START PAYING BIAFRANS PARTLY IN CASH.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1533
INFO AMEMBASSY COTONOU
AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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SUBJ: NIGERIA RELIEF

1. GUTMAN ACCOMPANIED BY DAVIDSON MET YESTERDAY WITH AMB LINDT. LATTER AGREED COMPLETELY NEED IMMEDIATELY START PREPARE CONTINGENCY BUDGETS (ESPECIALLY WATER CORRIDORS, DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS) TO NOT GET CAUGHT FLATFOOTED IF/WHEN PRESENT IMPASSE RESOLVED.

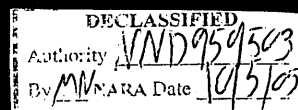
2. LINDT APPEARED SOMEWHAT PESSIMISTIC RE IMMEDIATE OUTLOOK. HE FELT EVENTS DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL MAKE OR BREAK OPERATION. LINDT BLAMES NEW NEGATIVE CLIMATE ON COUNT VON ROSEN. HE SENSES A DEFINITE STIFFENING ON PART FMG VIS-A-VIS RELIEF OPERATION (OF COURSE, HIS FEELINGS MAY BE PARTLY BASED ON RECENT PERSONAL EXPERIENCES).

3. LINDT MENTIONED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT ON JUNE 2 OR 3 ONE JCA DC-6 PLANE WAS SHOT UP BY MIG AT ULI AND SO BADLY DAMAGED THAT IT NOW INOPERATIVE. PLANE HAS BEEN MOVED FROM LANDING STRIP AND BEEN CAMOUFLAGED. ACCORDING LINDT JCA IS KEEPING MATTER QUIET IN HOPES FMG UNAWARE DC-6 IMMOBILIZED AT ULI.

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STATE FOR U/CF PASS AID/AFR-HELEN WILSON

HAGUE FOR FERGUSON

SUBJ: NIGERIA RELIEF-ICRC PLANNING

REF: TELECON SCHOTT-GUTMAN JUNE 4.

1. CANCELLATION HAGUE MEETING INTER ALIA RESULTED LESSENING PRESSURE ON ICRC STAFF IN CONNECTION BUDGET EXERCISE WHICH WAS GOING FULL BLAST. STILL HOPEFUL REASONABLE AMOUNT MEANINGFUL DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE PRIOR ACCRAMEETING NEXT WEEK.

2. FIRST FIGURES NOW AVAILABLE TO FREY INDICATE OPERATION IN RECENT MONTHS LESS COSTLY THAN ANTICIPATED. ROUGH REPEAT ROUGH EXPENDITURE FIGURES AS FOLLOWS: MARCH 10 MILLION SWISS FRANCS, APRIL, MAY, JUNE (EST) 12.5 MILLION EACH TOTAL 47.5 MILLION AS OPPOSED ORIGINAL PROJECTION OF 56 MILLION.

3. HAVE NOW STARTED RECEIVE BITS AND PIECES DATA PERTAINING PAST OPERATIONS. JUST OBTAINED COPY DRAFT PROJECTIONS FOR AIRPLANE OPERATIONS SEPT 1969-FEB 1970 FROM GERBER. DAVIDSON WILL HAND CARRY.

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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR FERGUSON'S TRAVEL

1. FERGUSON ARRIVES LONDON JUNE 6 VIA KLM-119 AT 0940 HOURS.
PLEASE MEET. INTENDS CONTINUE TO WASHINGTON JUNE 7 VIA
PAA-107 LEAVING LONDON 1430 HOURS, ARRIVING WASHINGTON 1745.

2. DEWEY DEPARTED THE HAGUE FOR NEW YORK THIS AFTERNOON.
SHOULD ARRIVE WASHINGTON TONIGHT DEPENDING ON CONNECTING
FLIGHT. TYLER

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 SUBJECT: Landing Craft

1. Fletcher states Dona Mercedes will arrive inside port of Lagos June 15 Dona Maria will follow by seven or eight days with 3 gasoline trailers and 2 hydraulic crane trucks.
2. Cornely, Fletcher's manager, leaves June 10 from New York to Lagos in order prepare for arrival of Dona Mercedes. Imperative, therefore, that visa be issued to him at latest June 9.

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SUBJECT: Visas Fletcher and Party

1. Urgent expedite visas Fletcher party. Fletcher departing U.S. June 8 will be in Geneva June 12. ICRC should request FMG to have Nigerian Embassy in Geneva issue visas to Fletcher.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Cornely planning depart U.S. for Lagos June 10. Must have visas issued by Nigerian Embassy Washington by June 6. Essential June 10 departure be maintained in order for Cornely to arrive Lagos before Dona Mercedes.

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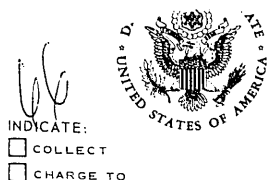
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SUBJ: Nigerian Relief	
1. Fletcher reports LSM Dona Maria left sea buoy Jacksonville, Fla., 2100 hrs., June 1. He will have estimated arrival times for Lagos for Dona Maria and Dona Mercedes in couple of days.	89872
2. U/CF gave Fletcher following names as contacts in ICRC: Lindt's Operations Staff - Col. Schaedler; ICRC Geneva Administrative Staff - Pierre Basset; ICRC Lagos Staff - Gottfried deSmit. Fletcher has been asked to deal henceforth directly with ICRC rather than through U/CF.	
3. Fletcher plans to proceed to Lagos via Geneva and should arrive Geneva about June 11.	ROGERS: J
	End.
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FOR GUTMAN FROM U/CF.			
THE HAGUE FOR FERGUSON.			
REF GENEVA 1651, 1751.			
1. Gutman's attendance ICRC field conference Accra June 10-13 believed highly desirable, and travel authorized.			
2. Re coverage JCA meeting June 12-13, matter pending.			
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FERGUSON ARRIVES LONDON 0940 JUNE 6 VIA KL 119 FROM
THE HAGUE. REQUIRE HOTEL ROOM FRIDAY NIGHT. REQUEST
APPOINTMENTS APPROPRIATE FONOFF OFFICIALS.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 5006

REF: LAGOS 4943

1. FERGUSON VISITED BIAFRA VIA COTONOU SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 31-JUNE 1, WITH STAFF DEWEY, DAVIDSON, DAWSON. WAS ASSURED ON ARRIVAL REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS COOKEY, MBANEFO, OJUKWU ARRANGED. NOT MET BY PROTOCOL AND NO GOVT OFFICIAL AVAILABLE FRIDAY. FERGUSON PARTY SPENT SATURDAY IN SEARCH FOR COOKEY AND MBANEFO. FINALLY TRACKED DOWN MBANEFO BUT COOKEY COULD NOT BE REACHED. SEE REFTEL RE MBANEFO TALKS.
2. INFORMED SUNDAY THAT COULD SEE OJUKWU 9:00 P. M. SUNDAY. COOKEY STILL COULD NOT BE LOCATED. FINALLY PICKED UP ORLU TO BE DRIVEN OJUKWU MEETING. AFTER BEING DRIVEN LONG WAY ROUND TO OWERRI ARRIVED IN MIDDLE OF OJUKWU SPEECH. FERGUSON REFUSED TO BE ESCORTED TO "DIPLOMATIC SECTION" OF AUDIENCE ON GROUNDS IMPOLITE TO SPEAKER IN MIDDLE OF SPEECH AND FERGUSON'S PRESENCE IN DIPLOMATIC SECTION MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD.
3. 1:30 A. M. JUNE 2 SAW COOKEY WHO SIMPLY REPEATED WASHINGTON THEIR CHOICE AS VENUE FOR TALKS. WOULD NOT CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES. WANTED ONLY TO ARGUE ABOUT WHY FMG VETOED WASHINGTON. FERGUSON EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT POSITION OF BIAFRA. ALSO INDICATED TRIP WAS WASTE OF
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TIME AND FERGUSON'S INTELLIGENCE INSULTED BY WHOLE TWO-DAY PERFORMANCE OF BIAFRAN GOVT.

4. AFTER COOKEY INTERVIEW FOUND OJUKWU AND MBANEFO HAD DISAPPEARED. FERGUSON LODGED COMPLAINT WITH AKPAN. SEE LAGOS 4986 RE AKPAN-FERGUSON CONVERSATION.

5. COMMENT: MOOD BIAFRAN OFFICIALS ARROGANT, COCKEY AND DEVIOUS. ATTITUDES RIGID.
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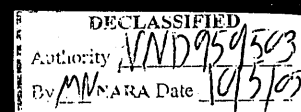
SUBJ: NIGERIAN REQUEST FOR AID TO WAR WOUNDED

1. ON MAY 13, DCM, AFTER CONTINUED INVITATIONS FROM SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE LT. COL. OSHOWOLE, COMMANDER MILITARY HOSPITAL, YABA, VISITED HOSPITAL. AFTER TOUR OF WARDS, OSHOWOLE POINTED OUT SHORTAGE OF NEARLY EVERYTHING FOR 700-PLUS WOUNDED. OSHOWOLE OBVIOUSLY DEDICATED DOCTOR WHO DESPERATE TO IMPROVE SITUATION. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION HE ASKED FOR U.S. HELP, IN PARTICULAR FOR A SECOND OPERATING THEATER. DCM SUGGESTED FMG SUFFICIENTLY AFFLUENT TO PURCHASE BANDAGES, DRUGS ETC. SUGGESTED HE MAKE REQUEST THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS TO ICRC AND NIGERIAN REHAB COMMISSION. REQUEST WAS STRICTLY INFORMAL AND ON INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE.

2. EMB NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER APPROACHES FOR AID TO WAR WOUNDED.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 2176

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF: STOCKFISH

REF: REYKJAVIK 270

1. GON OFFICIALS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OPEN AND FORTHCOMING WITH EMBASSY ON NIGERIA/BIAFRA MATTERS AND PARTICULARLY COOPERATIVE AND RESPONSIVE ON STOCKFISH AND RELATED AID QUESTIONS. EMBASSY, IN TURN, HAS OF COURSE EXPLAINED GENERALLY TO FONOFF US POLICY ON ICELANDIC STOCKFISH. WE HAVE CAREFULLY AVOIDED MAKING ANY IMPLICATION THAT NORWAY SHOULD TAILOR ITS STOCKFISH CONTRIBUTION TO NIGERIA AS RESULT OUR ICELANDIC POLICY.

2. IN TALKING TO US FONOFF HAS NEVER QUESTIONED OUR ICELANDIC POLICY THIS MATTER AND, ON CONTRARY, HAS INDICATED APPRECIATION FOR CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF INFO ON NIGERIA/BIAFRA MATTERS. IN ADDITION, GON SEEHS BE WELL-INFORMED ON US/ICELANDIC AND RELATED AID POLICIES FROM OTHER SOURCES AS WELL.

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THE HAGUE FOR FERGUSON

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF - ACCRA CONFERENCE

REF: A) GENEVA 1737; B) GENEVA 1651

1. ICRC HAS SENT WRITTEN INVITATION INVITING GUTMAN OR OTHER U.S. REP TO ATTEND ACCRA CONFERENCE JUNE 11 AND 12. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ASAP (REF B).

2. JCA HAD TO DECLINE INVITATION SINCE THEY HOLDING OWN COORDINATING AND PLANNING MEETING NEXT WEEK IN LUCERNE (TO WHICH U.S. REPS ALSO INVITED REF A).

3. ICRC AND JCA WILL HOLD JOINT MEETING ON JUNE 18 AT ICRC HG. GENEVA TO CONCERT RESULTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MEETINGS.

4. ACCRA MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE CHAIRED BY SCHAEGLER AS LINDT WILL SPEND NEXT WEEK IN MOSCOW. ICRC DESIRES MINIMUM PUBLIC ATTENTION ACCRA MEETING. TUBBY

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FOR U/CF AND AID/NIGERIA DESK

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

REF: STATE 088395

1. WEDNESDAY POUCH SHOULD HAVE REACHED WASHINGTON LAST FRIDAY.
HAVE SENT SET TO HAGUE PER SPECIAL DELIVERY AND AGAIN TO
ADDRESSEES.

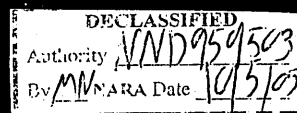
2. STILL HOPE ICRC WILL HAVE MEATIER DOCUMENT BY TONIGHT. TUBBY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 2139

SUBJ: NIGERIA--HAGUE GROUP MEETING

REF: HAGUE 2119

1. DUTCH TODAY DEFINITELY CANCELED JUNE 5 HAGUE GROUP MEETING. MFA INFORMS US ITALIANS HAVE AGREED TO DELAY ISSUANCE OF ANY STATEMENT AS TO REASONS FOR CANCELLATION.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MFA THAT BIAFRANS HAVE URGED IVORY COAST GOVT. TO GIVE NO SATISFACTION ON OIL WORKERS TO ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE AND THAT BIAFRANS HAVE TOLD ITALIANS THAT IF REPRESENTATIVE WANTS TO TALK WITH THEM HE SHOULD OBTAIN BIAFRAN VISA. TYLER

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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF-DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS

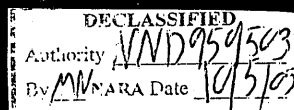
1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF ESSENTIAL PORTIONS MAY 22 NOTE FROM MFA IN ABIDJAN TO NETH EMBASSY RESPONDING TO NETH. DEMARCHE OF EARLY APRIL ON DAYLIGHT HUMANITARIAN FLIGHTS TO ULI (FULL TEXT POUCHED):

2. QTE BIAFRAN GOVT. WHICH PERSISTS IN ITS REFUSAL TO PERMIT DAY FLIGHTS TO ULIN PROPOSES CONSTRUCTION OF AIRFIELD WHICH WOULD SERVE EXCLUSIVELY FOR THIS KIND OF OPERATION. FIRST WORK ON THIS HAS STARTED ALREADY AND BIAFRAN GOVT. WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE ANY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITIES OF KINGDOM OF NETH. COULD GIVE WITH VIEW TO SPEEDING UP THIS AIRFIELD'S CONSTRUCTION AND MAKING IT OPERATIONAL.

3. QTE BIAFRAN GOVT IS AWARE OF FACT THAT NIGHT FLIGHTS HAVE NOT YET REACHED SATURATION POINT AND THAT PROBLEM OF DAY FLIGHTS IS NOT IMMEDIATELY ACUTE. IT PARTICULARLY STRESSES FACT THAT SUPPLY OF FOOD AND MEDICINES, THOUGH A CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION, IS BUT A PALLIATIVE. COUNTRIES SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT SUFFERING OF BIAFRANS SHOULD DO

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THEIR UTMOST TO COMPEL TWO PARTIES OF CONFLICT TO
ACCEPT UNCONDITIONAL CEASE-FIRE FOLLOWED BY PEACE
NEGOTIATIONS. BY DOING SO THEY WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE MASSIVE
PROVISIONING OF FOOD AND MEDICINES ON BOTH SIDES OF
DEMARCATON LINE.

4. QTE AS LONG AS WAR CONTINUES, HOWEVER, BIAFRAN GOVT.
REFUSES TO LET PROBLEM OF PROVISIONING PREVAIL OVER SECURITY OF
BIAFRAN PEOPLE BY AUTHORIZING DAY FLIGHTS TO ONLY AIRPORT,
ULI. UNQTE. TYLER

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C O N F I D E N T I A L REYKJAVIK 273

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF; ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF: STATE 88043, 87719, 63462; REYKJAVIK 270, 268, 264, 262
GENEVA 1733

1. IF ICRC WISHES TO MAKE NEW APPEAL FOR STOCKFISH TO POTENTIAL DONORS (PARA 4 GENEVA 1733), IT SEEMS CLEAR ICRC NEEDS STOCKFISH. MOREOVER, GOI HAS SHOWN US AMMANN LETTER SAYING ICRC NEEDS 3000 TONS OF STOCKFISH.

2. US COMMITMENT TO GOI (STATE 88043, 63462) IS THAT WE WILL QTE ENCOURAGE UNQTE PURCHASE ICELANDIC STOCKFISH IF NEEDED.

3. GOI ALREADY FEELS THAT USG IS NOT LIVING UP TO ITS PROMISE (PARA 4 GENEVA 1733; REYKJAVIK 268, PARA 3; 264, PARAS 1, 5, 6; 262, PARA 5) A NEW ICRC APPEAL TO OTHER STOCKFISH SUPPLIERS WHILE REFUSING PURCHASE ICELANDIC STOCKFISH WOULD INTENSIFY THAT FEELING WITH FURTHER DAMAGE TO ICELANDIC-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

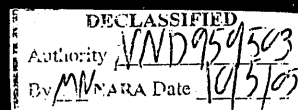
4. I AGAIN RECOMMEND IN PROTECTION OF OUR INTERESTS IN THIS COUNTRY THAT WE CONTRIBUTE PROMPTLY FUNDS TO PURCHASE AS MUCH

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ICELANDIC STOCKFISH AS ICRC NOW NEEDS.

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SUBJECT: FERGUSON MEETING WITH GENERAL GOWON

1. ON JUNE 3 AMB FERGUSON AND CHARGE MET WITH MAJ GEN GOWON FOR ONE AND HALF HOURS. ALSO PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER EXTAFF ARIKPO REHAB COMMISSIONER OMO BARE LADIPO OF EXTAFF AND EKAETTE PRIVATE SECTY TO GOWON.

2. FERGUSON RELATED RESULTS HIS VISIT TO ENCLAVE MAY 31 JUNE 2 STATING HE WAS UNABLE TO SEE OJUKWU PRIVATELY AND THAT HIS TALKS WITH COOKEY WERE UNPRODUCTIVE ON QUESTION REACHING AN AGREED VENUE FOR TALKS ON RELIEF CORRIDOR SINCE COOKEY ADAMANT THAT WASHINGTON ONLY ACCEPTABLE SITE. GOWON REAFFIRMED THAT WASHINGTON NOT ACCEPTABLE TO FMG, COMMENTING BIAFRAN PLOY OBVIOUSLY TO MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL OUT OF ANY MEETING IN WASHINGTON. FERGUSON MENTIONED FACT THAT N.U. AKPAN PRINCIPAL SECTY TO OJUKWU HAD ASKED HIM NOT TO TAKE THIS AS FINAL WORD AND THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH FERGUSON WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. FERGUSON SAID HE WOULD BE WAITING FOR WORD FROM AKPAN BUT WAS NOT HOPEFUL BIAFRANS WOULD AGREE TO MEETING AT SITE ACCEPTABLE BOTH SIDES.

2. AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE FERGUSON SUGGESTED

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POSSIBILITY OF "ONE SHOT" OPERATION WHEREBY ICRC LCM MIGHT BE SENT UP THE CROSS RIVER UNDER SAFE CONDUCT AGREEMENT FROM BOTH SIDES WITH LOAD OF HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT, BEDS, MATTRESSES, ETC WHICH CURRENTLY ABOARD LCM ENROUTE LAGOS TO BIAFRAN SIDE OF RIVER OPPOSITE IKOT OKPORO. (THIS PROPOSAL TRIED OUT EARLIER IN DAY WITH ARIKPO AND ENAHORO AT EXTAFF WHO SEEMED AGREEABLE TO IDEA). FERGUSON POINTED OUT THIS HAD NOT YET NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH BIAFRANS AND THEREFORE COULD NOT PREDICT THEIR REACTION BUT OPERATION WOULD HAVE ADVANTAGE OF PROVING CROSS RIVER WATER CORRIDOR WORKABLE RELIEF ROUTE ELIMINATING NEED FOR AIRLIFT WHICH FACED WITH INCREASING DIFFICULTIES. FERGUSON SAID APPROVAL OF BIAFRANS WOULD BE SOUGHT THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD ELIMINATING NECESSITY FOR MEETING AT THIS TIME FOR PROPOSED ONE TIME OPERATION.

3. AFTER DISCOURSE BY GOWON ON REQUIREMENTS SECURITY OF STATE TAKING PRECEDENCE OVER RELIEF OPERATION, ETC., HE, WITH ASSIST FROM ARIKPO AGREED TO CONCEPT SUBJECT TO DISCUSSIONS ON TECHNICAL AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. (GOWON MOST APPREHENSIVE BIAFRANS MIGHT SOMEHOW USE OPERATION TO THEIR MILITARY ADVANTAGE.) IF WAS AGREED THAT CHARGE AND FERGUSON REP WOOD WOULD CONDUCT SUCH DISCUSSIONS WITH R. ADM. WEY COMMANDER NIGERIAN NAVY WHO IN TURN WOULD DISCUSS AND COORDINATE WITH NIGERIAN ARMY COMMANDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CROSS RIVER AREA.

4. FERGUSON THEN UNDERTOOK TO EXPLAIN HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH "HAGUE GROUP" POINTING OUT HE HAS THUS FAR THROUGH HIS NEGOTIATIONS ON CROSS RIVER ROUTE BEEN ABLE KEEP "GROUP" FROM ATTEMPTING PRESS LESS PRACTICAL PROPOSALS ON BOTH SIDES. THIS LEAD TO LECTURE BY GOWON ON OGUTA PROPOSALS WHICH HE SAID FMG WOULD NEVER ACCEPT. IT WAS EVIDENT ASSEMBLED GROUP WAS APPRECIATIVE OF FERGUSON'S EFFORTS IN KEEPING "HAGUE GROUP" INITIATIVES UNDER CONTROL.

5. FERGUSON EXPLAINED REASONS WHY WE BELIEVE DISCUSSIONS ON RELIEF ROUTES SHOULD BE CONDUCTED DIRECTLY BY TWO

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SIDES AND NOT UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF HIM. GOWON SEEMED TO ACCEPT THIS POSITION AND DID NOT BRING FORTH HIS PREVIOUS INSISTENCE THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE UNDER SEGIS HIM.

6. FERGUSON THEN RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES FMG POSITION RE INTERDICTION OF RELIEF FLIGHTS. SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON THIS DISCUSSION.

7. COMMENT: MEETING CONDUCTED IN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. GOWON OBVIOUSLY EDGY RESULT NEW BIAFRAN AIR CAPABILITY BUT REITERATED HIS DESIRE TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN RELIEF ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO SECURITY NEEDS OF STATE.

8. CHARGE AND WOOD WILL SEEK EARLY MEETING WITH ADMIRAL WEY TO EXPLORE FURTHER TECHNICAL AND SECURITY ASPECTS PROPOSAL PENDING FURTHER TECHNICAL AND SECURITY ASPECTS PROPOSAL PENDING FURTHER WORD FROM FERGUSON ON AKPAN REPLY. AFTER INITIAL MEETING BELIEVE DESIRABLE WOOD AND DEWEY IF AVAILABLE, TAKE OVER TO KEEP MATTER ON TECHNICAL LEVEL.

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SUBJ: FERGUSON DISCUSSION WITH GEN. GOWON RE INTERDICTION
RELIEF FLIGHTS

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1. IN COURSE DISCUSSION WITH GEN. GOWON ON SURFACE
ROUTES, FERGUSON USED OCCASION TO INQUIRE WHETHER ANY
BASIS IN FACT REPORTS FMG ADOPTING NEW POLICY
RELATIVE TO RELIEF FLIGHTS WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO THEIR
INTERDICTION BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT. GOWON AFTER
DELIVERING LECTURE TO EFFECT SECURITY OF NIGERIA
PARAMOUNT AND THAT IF NECESSARY ALL RELIEF FLIGHTS OR
OTHER ACTIVITIES WOULD BE HALTED, WENT ON TO RESTATE
HIS CONSISTENT POSITION THAT ALL NIGHT FLIGHTS "ILLEGAL"
AND THAT THOSE FLYING THEM DO SO AT OWN RISK. HE ALSO
SAID THAT PERMISSION FOR DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS WOULD BE
DEPENDENT ON SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS AT ANY GIVEN TIME.
HE THEN ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN POLICY
AND VOLUNTEERED THAT SHOULD THERE BE A CHANGE HE WOULD
GIVE APPROPRIATE NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED.

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2. BRIG. KATSINA COS NIGERIAN ARMY ON JUNE 2 GAVE
CONSUL STOKES SAME ASSURANCE THAT POLICY RE FLIGHTS
UNCHANGED.
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